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loses its eligibility to participate in the ACG or National SMART Grant Program for the same period of time.

(2) That loss of eligibility must be in accordance with the provisions of 34 CFR 668.187.

(f) An institution that becomes ineligible shall, within 45 days after the effective date of loss of eligibility, provide to the Secretary—

(1) The name of each eligible student under § 691.15 who, during the award year, submitted a valid SAR to the institution or for whom it obtained a valid ISIR before it became ineligible;

(2) The amount of funds paid to each grant recipient for that award year;

(3) The amount due each student eligible to receive a grant through the end of the payment period during which the institution became ineligible; and

(4) An accounting of the ACG or National SMART Grant Program expenditures for that award year to the date of termination.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-1)

## **§ 691.8 Enrollment status for students taking regular and correspondence courses.**

(a) If, in addition to regular coursework, a student takes correspondence courses from either his or her own institution or another institution having an agreement for this purpose with the student's institution, the correspondence work may be included in determining the student's enrollment status to the extent permitted under paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) Except as noted in paragraph (c) of this section, the correspondence work that may be included in determining a student's enrollment status is that amount of work that—

(1) Applies toward a student's degree or is remedial work taken by the student to help in his or her eligible program;

(2) Is completed within the period of time required for regular coursework; and

(3) Does not exceed the amount of a student's regular coursework for the

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payment period for which the student's enrollment status is being calculated.

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## **§§ 691.9–691.10 [Reserved]**

## **§ 691.11 Payments from more than one institution.**

A student is not entitled to receive grant payments under this part concurrently from more than one institution. A student may only receive an ACG or a National SMART Grant at the same institution from which the student receives his or her Federal Pell Grant award.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-1)

## **Subpart B—Application Procedures**

## **§ 691.12 Application.**

(a) As the first step to receiving a grant under this part, a student shall apply on an approved application form to the Secretary to have his or her expected family contribution calculated and to determine the student's Federal Pell Grant eligibility. A copy of this form is not acceptable.

(b)(1) The student shall provide any information requested by the Secretary in addition to the information necessary to establish eligibility for a Federal Pell Grant.

(2) The additional information may include, but is not limited to, information about the rigorous secondary school program of study completed by a student applying for an ACG.

(c) The student shall submit an application to the Secretary by—

(1) Providing the application form, signed by all appropriate family members, to the institution which the student attends or plans to attend so that the institution can transmit the application information to the Secretary electronically; or

(2) Sending an approved application form to the Secretary.

(d) The student shall provide the address of his or her residence unless the student is incarcerated and the educational institution has made special

arrangements with the Secretary to receive relevant correspondence on behalf of the student. If such an arrangement is made, the student shall provide the address indicated by the institution.

(e) For each award year, the Secretary, through publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER, establishes deadline dates for submitting this application and additional information and for making corrections to the information provided.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-1)

**§§ 691.13-691.14 [Reserved]**

**§ 691.15 Eligibility to receive a grant.**

(a) *General.* A student who meets the requirements of 34 CFR part 668, Subpart C, is eligible to receive an ACG or a National SMART Grant if the student—

(1) Is a U.S. citizen;

(2) Is receiving a Federal Pell Grant disbursement in the same award year; and

(3) Is enrolled full-time.

(b) *ACG Program.* (1) A student is eligible to receive an ACG if the student—

(i) Meets the eligibility requirements in paragraph (a) of this section;

(ii) For the first academic year of his or her eligible program—

(A) Has received a high school diploma or, for a home-schooled student, a high school diploma or the certification of completion of a secondary school education by the cognizant authority;

(B) Has successfully completed after January 1, 2006, as determined by the institution, a rigorous secondary school program of study recognized by the Secretary under § 691.16; and

(C) Has not previously been enrolled as a regular student in an eligible program while—

(1) Enrolled in high school; and

(2) Being at or below the age of compulsory school attendance; and

(iii) For the second academic year of his or her eligible program—

(A) Has received a high school diploma or, for a home-schooled student, a high school diploma or the certification of completion of a secondary school education by the cognizant authority;

(B) Has successfully completed, after January 1, 2005, as determined by the institution, a rigorous secondary school program of study recognized by the Secretary under § 691.16;

(C) Has successfully completed the first academic year of his or her eligible program; and

(D) For the first academic year of his or her eligible program, obtained a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale, or the numeric equivalent, consistent with other institutional measures for academic and title IV, HEA program purposes.

(2)(i) An institution must document a student's successful completion of a rigorous secondary school program of study under paragraphs (b)(1)(ii)(A), (b)(1)(ii)(B), (b)(1)(iii)(A) and (b)(1)(iii)(B) of this section using—

(A) Documentation provided directly to the institution by the cognizant authority; or

(B) Documentation from the cognizant authority provided by the student.

(ii) If an institution has reason to believe that the documentation provided by the student under paragraph (b)(2)(i)(B) of this section is inaccurate or incomplete, the institution must confirm the student's successful completion of a rigorous secondary school program of study by using documentation provided directly to the institution by the cognizant authority.

(3) For purposes of paragraph (b) of this section—

(i) A cognizant authority includes, but is not limited to—

(A) An LEA;

(B) An SEA or other State agency;

(C) A public or private high school; or

(D) A testing organization such as the College Board or State agency; or

(ii) A home-schooled student's parent or guardian is the cognizant authority for purposes of providing the documentation required under paragraph (b) of this section. This documentation must show that the home-schooled student successfully completed a rigorous secondary school program under § 691.16(d)(2). This documentation may include a transcript or the equivalent or a detailed course description listing the secondary school courses completed by the student.